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SUBJECT: REPORTED ASSUALT ON TECHNICAL MILITARY ACADEMY

- 1. CAIRO PRESS APRIL 19REPORTS THAT AT 2 AM ON APRIL 18, SIXTEEN PERSONS INCLUDING STUDENTS AND "NON-EGYPTIAN PERSONS BELONGING TO A RADICAL ARAB ORGANIZATION" SOME OF WHOM "HAVE CONTACTS WITH AN ARAB EMBASSY IN CAIRO" ATTEMPTED TO STORM THE TECHNICAL MILITARY ACADEMY AND ASSAULTED A SENTRY. ALL WERE ARRESTED AND SOME WERE INJURED. INITIAL QUESTIONING REVEALED THAT THE INCIDENT WAS PREMEDIATED AND THAT AIM WAS "SABOTAGE AGAINST EGYPT". INVESTIGATION REVEALED "HOW THE ACTION WAS PLOTTED, ITS ENDS AND WHAT LIES BEHIND IT". MATTER IS NOW BEFORE STATE SECURITY PROSECUTION.
- 2. COMMENT: OTHER THAN PRESS REPORTS THERE ARE AS YET NO DETAILS OF INCIDENT AVAILABLE. INCIDENT IS ODD IN THAT TECHNICAL MILITARY ACADEMY LIES IN MIDST OF ABBASIYYA BARRACKS AREA, WHICH IS ITSELF SECURITY ZONE. UNTIL THERE IS INFORMATION TO THE CONTRARY, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT RELATES TO RECENT SIGNS OF STUDENT RESTLESSNESS AT EGYPTIAN UNIVERSITIES. EGYPTIANS WILL BELIEVE THAT ARAB EMBASSY CONFIDENTIAL

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REFERRED TO IS PROBABLY THAT OF LIBYA, WITH IRAQ AS SECOND

CHOICE. WHATEVER THE CASE, CHARGE IS SERIOUS AND WILL, IF
PROVEN CORRECT, HAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON EGYPTIAN RELATIONSHIP
WITH COUNTRY INVOLVED. IT IS ALSO OF INTEREST IN THAT GOE
SHOULD HAVE ALLOWED NEWS OF INCIDENT TO BE PUBLISHED IN
LOCAL PRESS.
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